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2. Production and Costs in Czech Industry

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1. It is reported that the machinery belonging to the well-known iron works in Trinec is being removed piecemeal and shipped to the USSR. Eighty percent of the products from these iron works is being sent to the USSR also. Zinc-plated and black sheet iron, both deeply drawn and rolled in the cold state, go to the USSR exclusively.
2. The stamping machine shop in the ASAP motorcar factory at Mlada Boleslav is to be closed down, even though it was established not long ago, and the special presses for the motorcar bodies are to be delivered to the USSR.
3. Reports emanating from Plzen state that a great portion of the iron industry in Czechoslovakia, especially that concerned with manufacturing machinery, is to be removed to the USSR. It is also reported that specialists and skilled workers will be forced to resettle in the USSR at the time this machinery is shipped there.
4. During the third quarter of 1949, Czech export companies paid 2,820 million crowns more for raw materials than they received for the finished goods when sold to the USSR. According to official statistics, export prices in the following industries are lower than production costs by the percentages indicated:

Industry	Document No.	Percent
Textile	No Change in	19
Glass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declassified	22
Metal	Glass. Changed To: TS S C	30
Wood	Auth.: NR 70-2	13
Porcelain and stone-ware	Date: 4-22-84	15
Leather and rubber	By: 027	25
Coal and coke		40

5. Imports of raw materials and semi-manufactured goods were 35 percent higher during the fourth quarter of 1949 than during the third quarter.

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6. A radical reduction in production costs (20 to 30 percent) is planned, to the detriment of wages and salaries. A 5 to 15 percent increase in the prices of necessities is expected in 1950.
7. In order to limit operating expenses in the coal industry, the mines are to be supplied with forced laborers and convicts in much greater numbers—i.e., 80 percent of the shifts—and will be compelled to increase their output. For these reasons, labor camps will be set up at the various mines.
8. The Czech glass industry has accepted an order from the USSR for blocks of crude lead-glass, 25cm x 40cm x 15cm. The first delivery of 5,000 units is to be made to the USSR in March 1950. Production of this glass will be handled by the nationalized firms of Josef Riedel at Polubny and the Czech-Moravian Glassworks at Teplice-Sanov. Another order from the USSR for 2,000,000 glass bricks with 30 percent minium was accepted recently. The Riedel firm manufactures insulating glass—adding with minium for the USSR.
9. The Riedel Glassworks, located at Polubny in the district of Jablonec (Gablonez), have three factories situated in Desna, Pulubny, and Prichovice, where 1,700 workers are employed. At Desna and Polubny glass for technical uses is manufactured exclusively for the USSR.

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